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' In tariff legislation, as in all other matters, the Republican party moves forward, not backward. The McKinley bill is a milestone of the past. It is not worth while quarreling over ancient history. Those Republican leaders who are transfixed in adoration of the past tense in the grammar of protection should be roused from their useless reverle and gently notified to move on.

Murder in the First Degree.

For the first time in the history of Lackawanna county a jury on Saturday returned a verdict of "murder in the first degree." The case was that of the commonwealth against Franz Bezek, and there is every reason to believe that in this case the verdict was a just one, entirely in accord with the law and the evidence. It was nowhere disputed that Bezek murdered the girl whom he said he loved, but in his defense it was urged that he was insane and that he killed Maria Kerzic accidentally while she was endeavoring to prevent him from committing suicide because she rejected his suit.

The plea of insanity does not appear to have been taken seriously and the fair weight of the evidence was against der was cool and premeditated, Bezek. on the night before the murder, negodeclared that the price was too high and left the store. The next morning common sense lines; and plenty of it. he was apparently strengthened in his murderous purpose and he returned to and killed her.

Never in the history of the county has there been a case that pointed more clearly to deliberate, premeditatd taking of human life, and it is to the credit of the jurors that they allowed no sentiformance of their sworn duty. Jurors are human and they hesitate long to return a verdict that to them appears like signing the death warrant of the achave swaved Lackawanna county man would not have been cheated of

R case. The sentence the court may im- ants at the national capital. pose ought not to be considered in the dury room. The law and the evidence should be the guides of the twelve men who are sworn "to well and truly try" a case; with the penalty that may follow their verdict they have nothing to

The moral effect of the verdict renficial. Human life is held far too cheap the side of mercy, it can be stern and mete out punishment commensurate with the offense.

The dollar that is invested in a hospital is a dollar put where it will do untold and inestimable good. No mean man ever gave a penny to a hospital. No cynic, no misanthrope ever endowed a bed in one. It takes a gentleman to do these things-a gentle man who has a heart as well as a head, and a sense of duty as well as a sense of wealth.

One-Sided Risks.

Out of fifty-seven names signed to the petition of contest in behalf of Judge Sittser, in Wyoming county, it is said upon excellent authority that forty represent signers who do not own a foot of real estate. It is further charged that of the fourteen persons who swore to the correctness of the paper, not one pays taxes on real estate. In neither of other people's paws.

When it is remembered, in this connection, that Judge Sittser's candidacy ten years ago was distinctively partisan, the failure of his present claim o to receive substantial, non-partisan indorsement may not appear so singular. to sanction revolutionary and ill-con-We have no desire to prejudice his con- sidered measures of legislation than test in advance; nor could we do this would the man who would owe his poif we would, the points involved in it litical existence to the constant satisfy-

terpretation. At the same time it is of disappointment-the risk obviously being, in this particular case, exceedingly one-sided.

There is manifest justice in the growing demand for a revision of the laws governing election contests, to the end that this costly pastime may be more effectually checked.

While the \$75,000 voted to it by the State Board of Charities will not make the Lackawanna hospital all that its friends would like it to be, the improvement that can be wrought with that sum will be most welcome. Besides, private munificence in this direction still has a clear field.

Don't Be in Too Great a Hurry.

We are not so sure that a short ession of the next legislature is as desirable as Representative Lawrence and some of his western colleagues appear to believe. If the next legislature intends to run away from its duties, an adjournment about April 1 would be in order; but if it desires to toe the scratch, man-fashion, it will have plenty of work to keep it thoroughly busy until the middle of June or the first of July.

Under the biennial system, in a state the size of Pennsylvania, it is little short of madness to imagine that a collection largely of new legislative recruits, so heavily Republican in the aggregate as to form a most unwieldly majority, can be "broken into" the serious business of reapportioning the state into congressional, senatorial legislative and judicial districts: of distributing fairly and equitably the large surplus funds now idle in the state treasury; of passing satisfactorily upon the accumulated mass of bills for or against the state's multiplying corporations, and of transacting the ordinary legislative routine, all in three months There will be bills before this next session of unusual importance. Compulsory education will once more arise for settlement. The new revenue measure upon which the tax conference has spent years of time and thought will be presented for discussion. The question of pensioning judges, of erecting new counties, of making important alterations in the laws governing mining. of more effectual guarding the dairy interests; of forest and cattle protection-these, and scores of others of equal importance will come before the

It is, of course, a familiar remark that the fault of legislatures lies in their excessive industry. While, in the abstract, this may be true, it remains indisputable that if we are to have any new legislation whatsoever at the approaching Harrisburg session, it should be carefully considered, and not bolted through in an unthinking eagerness to force an early adjournment. The Republican party, by the practical unanimity of its control of this session, stands committed to give to the people of this state the best session's work have diagnosed the great American the presumption that the killing was they have yet had. The purely partiaccidental. On the other hand, there san aspect of the session's deliberations is every reason to believe that the mur- has, by this immense Republican prelarge extent canceled in advance. The tiated for the purchase of a revolver but people, therefore, will expect careful, earnest and painstaking work, along

legislature, in one form or another, and

ought not to be slighted.

The talk is now that Colonel John the store and without any parleying A. Cockerill will become general manpurchased the weapon and straightway ager of the Associated Press. The Asproceeded to the home of Miss Kerzic sociated Press doesn't deserve so good

Senators and the People.

Senator Turple believes that the election of senators by a direct vote of the people would purify legislation. The mental reasons to sway them in the per- logic which reaches this conclusion is not without fault. A popular ballot theoretically should be clean and pure but practically it is probably quite as corrupt, proportionally, as are the state cused. It is such considerations that legislatures which it is proposed to deprive of the elective prerogative. If juries in the past, otherwise the hang- the people cannot be trusted to choose faithful servants at state capitals it is several murderers whom he had a just not easy to see how the matter would be mended by giving them a direct It is a false view for jurors to take of voice in the selection of all their serv-

The very purpose and spirit of the American constitution would be subverted by the proposed change. More than a century's experience in self-government has confirmed the wisdom of the fathers in providing checks and counter checks upon the often untamed violence of the electoral mob. The didered Saturday will probably be bene- vision of congress into branches, one directly responsible to the people-and in this county by many of the foreign | charged, under the constitution, with element who feel that every slight of- the introduction of nearly all really imfered them calls for the employment of portant legislation directly affecting a deadly weapon. They should be made the people-the other responsible to the to understand that while the spirit of legislatures of the various states and the law in the United States inclines to invested with the power to exercise the is to be placed by the powers who have calm and sober "second thought" which unbending when the peace and safety is so often the safety of common-sense of a community thus demand, and can government, was not the hasty impulse government, was not the hasty impulse sion of the legislature, with little legisla-of a moment. It was the deliberate act tion; but the chances are that this proof men who had ransacked the constitutions of all ages and studied carefully in every available direction, the problem of government of, by and for the people. Before this careful work is torn down, let us be certain that we

can change it for the better. It has been charged that the present system of electing United States senstors is responsible for the presence, in the senate, of men who are ignorant or venal; men who have pandered to the prejudices of the rabble or else bought their preferment with gold. Assuming that there are such men in congress, let us ask ourselves which kind is the more dangerous-the ignorant rich man, whose only touchstone to political success is his money, or the unscrupulous demagogue who flaunts any and every principle likely to tickle the fitful popular fancy of the hour? Taking the list does there appear the name of a worst types of each system, and comsingle Democratic leader of prominence, paring them-the "moneybags" senathe leaders evidently preferring to pull tor under the present system, and the their chestnuts out of the fire by means | blatant senatorial demagogue who would climb into office upon waves of popular prejudice—which would be the a battle royal between Alderman Fitzsim mons, who will be a candidate for re-elecmore desirable? Which would be the safer reliance in an hour of crisis? Very obviously, it seems to us that the mediocre Croesus would be less likely

nature and training, the former would proper to note the kind of petition upon | incline toward moderation and conwhich a defeated candidate for office servatism while the latter would just as which a defeated candidate for office may involve taxpayers in heavy expense merely to gratify his own sense of disappointment—the risk obviously from the present system, conceding for prohibiting the manufacture and sale of from the present system, conceding for it the very worst that is anywhere said

frying pan into the fire. bad as that system may seem upon oceasions. It is rather with the public sentiment which, by its prolonged in-difference to lax immigration laws and wealth without brains to brains without wealth. The people can remedy this trouble without tinkering with any constitution other than their own.

"The judicial pension system is practiced in almost every other civilized country, it has been adopted by the way with the judges of the supreme court, and it should be the rule of action in standard of judicial honor. No narrow considerations of parsimony and no old-butter. The real object was to prohibit one years to the honor and satisfaction

The law has been sustained by the of the community, is quite as much en-titled to the liberal treatment from the merits, be it noted, but because its passcommonwealth as the men who give up commonwealth as the men who give up power. The presumption was that the their active lifetime to the army and lawmakers knew what they were doing navy; and Pennsylvania will place it-self abreast of the intelligent senti-when they pretended that the statute ment of the time regarding the judiciary, if the Riter bill shall become and imposition. The law is an abominathe law of the state, as it should have tion, and it ought to be blotted out or amended so as to permit both the manubeen long ago."-Philadelphia Bulletin.

A hanging in Lackawanna county will be something of a novelty, to be sure. But now that the ice is broken, by prosecution. let us hope the novelty will flourish until murder shall locally take its proper rank among infrequent crimes.

Senator Peffer's idea is that congressional grief which expresses itself, when a member dies, in costly champagne junkets at the public's expense could well be abated. For once, Peffer

One or two Philadelphia contemporaries are alarmed at what they take to be the appearance of a great coming labor war in the anthracite coal fields; but it is really only a speck of dust on their spectacles.

Representative Bryan's bill making the president ineligible to re-election ought to provide for an extension of the term to six years. Then it would be just about right.

Conan Doyle wonders why street car companies in this company so often do as they please. Dr. Doyle must never "pull."

The clam is abroad once more. He is penderance of public favor, been to a opposed to Scranton having a paid fir department lest it might cost a penny or two. Don't be a clam.

> Sheriff-elect Clemons is just the man who can, if necessary, attend to Bezek's little affair with punctuality and dis-

The best government is the cheapest. irrespective of price. Scrantonians are entitled to the best.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Senator Quay is in Beaver for a few

Arthur L. Swartz, of Milton, wants to b deputy insurance commissioner. The official vote of Tennessee shows the election of Evans, Republican, for governor, over Turney, Democrat, by 841 plu-

Senator Quay emphatically denies having written a letter of indorsement in behalf of Addicks, candidate for the Delaware senatorship, John P. Elkin, of Indiana, who is

andidate for deputy attorney general of Pennsylvania, has been unanimously in orsed by the members of the Lawrence ounty bar. Director Windrim has pulled out of the

Philadelphia mayoralty fight, leaving the issue to be decided between Senator Penose and Coroner Ashbridge, with the chances all in favor of Penrose. Ex-County Commissioner Thos. English of Pittston, is spoken of as the next Demo-

cratic nominee for sheriff of Luzerne county; but there are those who claim he has had his full share of party spotls. Ex-Senator Harlan, of Coatesville, wh thought at one time he would like to be

state treasurer next year, has about de-cided that Cashier Ben Haywood, of Sharon, has the call for that position. By another quick turn, Charley Voor-nees' name has been erased from the Philadelphia common council clerkship slate and now he doesn't know where he his destiny in keeping.

Representative Lawrence, of Washing ton county, favors a three-months' ses gramme will receive a rough clout in the neck when the legislative mill once fairly gets going.

Chris Magee, through his Pittsburg newspaper, announces that he "has no de-mands to make of the governor-elect General Hastings has been elected gavernor by the entire Republican party of Pennsylvania, and the right of appoint

Colonel Stewart, the next adjutant gen eral, has decided to retain Richard W. Hayward, of Philadelphia, night watch-man at the state arsenal, and Enos M. Russel, of Harrisburg, messenger of the flag room. Both are Republicans and were retained through the Pattison adminis-

Very favorable comment has been elicited by the action of the Republican congressional committee in notifying the thirty or more defeated Republican nomnees for congress who have given notice of an intention to contest their successful rivals' election that such action, if taken, must rest squarely and fairly on its own merits, and not rely for success simply upon the fact that the next con gress will have a large Republican plu-

The local aldermanic campaign in the Eighth ward is gradually beginning to assume interesting aspects. The fight at this time looks as if it would develop into tion, and Adjutant W. S. Millar, who will in all probability be the opposing Repub-lican nominee. The closeness of the ward, politically, would, it is believed, be more than offset by the large personal popularity of Mr. Millar, who while polling the normal Republican strength would also cut largely into the Democratic vote. In being exclusively questions of legal in- ing of inflammable mob prejudice. By large poll for a spring election.

AN UNWISE STATUTE.

Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette. imitation butter. It must be conceded at the outset that the proper thing would of it, to the system of direct election have been for the legislature to have rewould thus be simply a leap from the frying pan into the fire The trouble with the senators today one who buys it is either deceived or de-is not in the manner of their election. frauded by the dealer as to its true character is absurd. The great mass of pur-chasers seek out the dealers knowingly and for the very good reason that they suffrage abuses, makes possible a po-litical condition which often prefers ter, not alone by people in moderate circumstances, but by the well-to-do middle classes, who have reasons for using it other than the mere matter of economy

This prohibitory law was passed through most selfish motives. It was based on the police power of the state to protect the people against unwholesome fraudulent adulterations of food. charge that oleomargarine was in any way deleterious to health was openly government at Washington in dealing challenged by experts who knew what they were talking about, and no seriou attempt was made to show that the pro duct was unfit for food. Indeed, it would every state which values the highest nothave been difficult to demonstrate that oleo was freer from objectionable ingredfashioned provincial notion that a formidable competitor to the product of judge is simply a hired man, who should be turned out as soon as he is unfit for duty and allowed to shift for himself, should again influence the legislature in crease. It did drive the manufacture passing upon this wise and just (which had already been begun in the state) to other parts of the country, measure of judicial reform. A good, thus interfering with a business recog-upright judge, who has held the scales nized as legitimate in other states, and of justice in even balance for twenty- one which is licensed by the genreal

age was a proper exercise of the police facture and sale of oleo as such. It is not worth a rush to the dairymen, and its perpetuation will only furnish an opportunity for harpies and spies to levy black mail off dealers or mulct them in fines

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